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Sensors Director named as IEEE fellow

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio —The Director of the Air Force Research Laboratory's Sensors Directorate has been elected a Fellow of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers.

Dr. Donald W. Hanson was recognized for his technical leadership in the development and realization of sensors, science and technology.

"I am honored to receive this recognition," Hanson said. "I am flattered to join the very elite group of electrical and electronic engineers who are Fellows of the IEEE."

As SN Director, Dr. Hanson oversees an annual budget of more than \$400 million, and directs the activities of more than 1,100 civilian, military, and contractor personnel at three separate geographic locations.

He is responsible for planning, directing, and evaluating sensor and countermeasures science and technology programs, requiring extensive coordination with other federal agencies, industry, private research organizations, and foreign governments.

Dr. Hanson serves as the Air Force principal for the Department of Defense (DoD) Sensors, Electronics, and Electronic Warfare Panel, coordinating all DoD activities within these areas with peers from the Army and Navy. He is a member of the Senior Executive Service.

In addition to his accomplishments as a technical manager, Dr. Hanson was a pioneer in the development of adaptive optical systems that compensate for aberrations incurred when optical signals propagate through the atmosphere. Dr. Hanson has published numerous papers and articles and holds two patents.

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